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In the Abstract of the Disclosure:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure located below:

-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method for examining kidney disease, which comprises detecting fatty acid binding protein derived from kidney tissues, which is present in specimen collected from mammal excluding Rodents. By the present method, it is possible to obtain test results, which may be very important information for diagnosis or prognosis of kidney disease that has been very difficult in the past. Based on test results obtained by the present method, it may be possible to select a suitable method for treatment of kidney disease with taking into consideration risks such as the prognosis, etc. Besides, the present method can be applied to, in addition to the kidney disease samples, urine samples as well, so that the examination procedure can be simple and efficient.--

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows: